

U.S. Veteran Reserve Corps Force Protection Unit (VRC-FPU)

Standard Operating Procedures

Office of the Inspector General

1. Mission Statement

The VRC-FPU exists to support the mission of the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) by providing specialized security and protective services to OIG field units, investigative teams, and sensitive operations. The unit operates with military discipline and readiness, ensuring the safety and integrity of OIG personnel and assets.

2. Core Functions

- **Protective Services:** Escort and safeguard OIG personnel during field operations, inspections, and investigations.
- **Site Security:** Secure operational zones, temporary field offices, and investigative sites.
- **Threat Assessment:** Conduct risk analysis and provide counter-threat measures.
- **Rapid Response:** Deploy to emergent situations requiring immediate force protection.
- **Covert Operations:** Operate in plainclothes or undercover roles when mission dictates.

3. Command Structure

- **Unit Commander:** Reports directly to the Inspector General or designated Deputy IG.
- **Operations Officer:** Oversees mission planning, deployment, and tactical execution.
- **Training Officer:** Manages credentialing, readiness, and continuing education.
- **Team Leaders:** Lead small tactical teams during operations.
- **Operators:** Execute protective and security tasks under direction of leadership.

4. Personnel Qualifications

Prospective candidates must meet at least one of the following:

- Prior **law enforcement training** (local, state, federal).
- Prior **military security services training** (e.g., MP, CID, Air Force Security Forces).
- Prior **military combat arms training** (e.g., infantry, cavalry, special forces).
- All qualifications must be verified by official records.

Additional requirements:

- Must pass background screening and vetting by OIG.
- Must be willing to wear military-style uniform or operate covertly.
- Must complete **OIG-sponsored training** resulting in official **credentialing**.

5. Training & Credentialing

- **Initial Training:** Covers legal authorities, use of force, tactical movement, communications, firearms familiarization, and OIG protocols.
- **Credentialing:** Issued upon successful completion of training; includes badge, ID, and operational clearance.
- **Ongoing Training:** Annual re-certification.

6. Uniform & Equipment

- **Standard Uniform:** OCP with VRC-FPU badge and ID.
- **Covert Attire:** Civilian clothing as dictated by mission.
- **Authority:** In addition to state certification and licensing, unit members will operate only under official orders. Unit commanders may be given authority to deploy unit members by IG written permission.
- **Threat Mitigation:** Authorized per mission scope and legal guidelines.

7. Deployment Protocols

- **Activation:** By order of the Inspector General or designated authority. Unit members may not self-deploy.
- **Briefing:** All missions require pre-deployment briefing and risk assessment.
- **Rules of Engagement:** Strict adherence to legal and ethical standards.
- **Reporting:** Post-mission debrief and incident documentation required.

8. Confidentiality & Ethics

- All operations are subject to OIG confidentiality protocols.
- Members must uphold the highest standards of integrity, discretion, and professionalism.
- Violations of SOPs or ethical standards may result in disciplinary action or dismissal.

9. Communications

- Secure channels must be used for all operational communications.
- Daily check-ins required during active deployments.
- Emergency protocols must be followed in case of compromised operations.